8. *Ganja.*—A block of 25 acres was under ganja cultivation in Goribidnur Taluk as against 22 acres in the preceding year, the average yield per acre being 17·7 maunds as against 8·7 maunds in 1931-32. The total revenue from this source amounted to Rs. 4,04,813 as against Rs. 3,79,603 in the year previous.

9. *Excise Offences.*—The total number of offences reported during the year was 3,695 as against 3,653 in the year previous, out of which 737 were heinous offences as against 840 in 1931-32. Cases relating to illicit distillation and possession of illicitly manufactured liquor were 428 as against 425 in the preceding year, out of which 302 were booked in the Shimoga District, 40 in Kadur and 45 in Chitaldrug District as against 321, 38 and 30 respectively, in the year previous.

Government regret to notice that in spite of the mobile staff specially employed for the suppression of illicit practices in the Kadur and Shimoga Districts, they have not shown a tendency to decline; on the contrary, the malpractices seem to have spread to the neighbouring Chitaldrug District where the cases detected have gone up from 30 to 40. This points to an urgent need for the collaboration of the Excise Intelligence Bureau with the mobile staff for an early eradication of the evil.

10. *Inspections.*—The inspection of date groves should receive more attention than at present. In other respects, the inspection work was, on the whole, satisfactory.

11. *Financial Results.*—The total demand for the year including arrears outstanding at the end of the previous year amounted to Rs. 61,19,679 as against Rs. 61,67,275 in 1931-32, out of which a sum of Rs. 59,92,346 was collected, a sum of Rs. 7,604 was remitted leaving a balance of Rs. 1,19,729 at the end of the year. The Excise Commissioner is requested to issue needful instructions for the prompt collection of all arrears.

12. *Excise Licensing Boards.*—Government regret to notice that out of 39 Licensing Boards in the State, the Boards of Bangalore City, Davangere, Chitaldrug, Chikmagalur, Birur, Seringapatam, Shikarpur, Madhugiri and Sira are reported to have not met at all during the year and they trust that the public will evince a keener interest in the working of these bodies in future.

13. Government are glad to observe that the administration of the Department during the year was, on the whole, satisfactory.

S. ABDUL WAJID,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Printing of Entertainments-tax Stamps in different colours.

READ—

Government Order No. L. 6442-52—Ml. 275-32-6, dated the 5th April 1933, directing among other things that the Entertainments-tax stamps be printed in green colour and that, for the present, only the stamps of the denomination of Re. 1 be printed, the lower values being over-printed thereon in black.

2. Letter No. G. 31146—32-33, dated the 5th July 1933, from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, bringing to the notice of Government that considerable difficulty is likely to be felt, as the several denominations of these stamps are of one and the same colour and suggesting that they may be printed in different colours to enable their being checked promptly.

3. Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 24—33-34, dated the 15th November 1933, from the Commissioner of Stamps in Mysore, furnishing the opinion of the Superintendent, Stamp Manufactory, and recommending that the proposal made by the latter to print the stamps in different colours, be adopted for reasons given.

ORDER No. L. 4143-52—ML. 275-32-42, DATED BANGALORE, THE 14—16TH DECEMBER 1933.

The Commissioner of Stamps who was requested to furnish his opinion in the matter has, in consultation with the Superintendent, Stamp Manufactory, reported that

the printing of the stamps of different denominations of Entertainments-tax in one colour only increases the chances of these stamps getting mixed up and also causes some confusion to vendors and users of these stamps. In order to overcome this difficulty, he considers it desirable, as suggested by the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, to print the stamps of different denomination in different colours, the over-printing of the values being done in black as at present and proposes that they be printed in the colours noted below:—

Quarter anna	.. Blue.	Four annas	.. Orange.
Half anna	.. Light Blue.	Eight annas	.. Mauve.
One anna	.. Deep Red.	One rupee	.. Green.
Two annas	.. Violet.		

Government consider that the above proposals are suitable and are accordingly pleased to approve of them.

H. V. RAMASVAMI,
Secretary to Government,
General Department.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

Working of the Government Savings Banks for the year 1932-33.

READ—

Letter No. 275—S. B., dated the 2nd November 1933, from the Comptroller to Government, submitting the report on the working of the Government Savings Banks, for the year ending 30th June 1933.

ORDER NO. FL. 3290-300—G. F. 186-33-4, DATED BANGALORE, THE 14—16TH DECEMBER 1933.

Recorded.

2. The scheme of accepting fixed deposits in Government Savings Banks for seven years at 5½ per cent interest sanctioned in March 1932, was suspended with effect from the 5th November 1932. The total amount received under that scheme was Rs. 45,76,020, out of which, a sum of Rs. 33,10,920 was received during the year under report.

3. Under the scheme of five-year fixed deposits, as against Rs. 12,11,510 received in the previous year, a sum of Rs. 23,04,250 was deposited at 5 per cent interest up to 20th January 1933, when the rate of interest was reduced to 4½ per cent. A sum of Rs. 25,34,500 was deposited at this rate up to 5th May, when the scheme itself was suspended. The total amount received during the year under review, aggregated to Rs. 48,38,750 (Rs. 23,04,250 bearing interest at 5 per cent and Rs. 25,34,500 at 4½ per cent) against Rs. 47,70,102 in the previous year.

4. The total number of accounts, current and dead, at the close of the year under review stood at 64,086 against 62,363 at the end of the previous year. The aggregate amount at credit of both current and dead accounts was Rs. 1,92,09,454 or Rs. 17,85,492, more than that in the previous year.

5. The rate of interest for deposits continuing for one year was reduced from 4½ to 4 per cent from the 1st January 1933.

S. SHAMANNA,
Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.